

REMARKS

Each of the claims is drawn to a method of managing a cache (e.g., HTTP cache). However, the restriction requirement states that the inventions are distinct because they are related as sub-combinations. Even if the claims are drawn to patentably distinct or independent inventions, MPEP § 803 provides that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." Although the scope of the claims of Groups I, II, III, and IV identified by the Examiner varies and Applicant agrees that the claims are patentably distinct, many of the claimed features are similar. For example, each of the claims relate to receiving data to be stored in a cache, storing data in a cache, obtaining data stored in a cache, and/or transmitting data (which may or may not be cached). Accordingly, although it is acknowledged that the inventions are patentably distinct, Applicant respectfully submits that it would not unduly burden the examiner to simultaneously examine the claims of Groups I, II, III, and IV.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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